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- 1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION TEAMS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO JUDGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. HE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AVIATION ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL (AAI) OF DALLAS, TEXAS.
- 2. WE BELIEVE SUCH CONTRACT TEAMS SHOULD BE IN-COUNTRY FOR FOUR 30-DAY PERIODS BEGINNING AUGUST 1, NOV 1, FEB 1, AND APRIL 1. AUGUST EVALUATION WOULD BE EARLIEST PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER REDUCED NUMBER AND SIZE OF FIELDS ENCOUNTERED THIS SPRING WILL CONTINUE. NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY EVALUATIONS WOULD COINCIDE WITH PLANNED DEPLOYMENT OF INTERIM ILLICIT CROP DETECTION SYSTEM (IICDS), PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORROBORATE AND VERIFY INITIAL IICDS RESULTS. APRIL EVALUATION SHOULD, BARRING REPEAT OF THIS YEAR'S ABCONFIDENTIAL

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NORMAL WEATHER, PERMIT CONCLUSIONS ON OVERALL CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVENESS.

3. TO AVOID LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS AND LOSS OF TIME IN FIELD, CONTRACT SHOULD BE SIGNED NO LATER THAN 15 JULY. LUCEY

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